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TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2002

MEDIA/OPINION CLIMATE ABROAD

1. ARAB OPINION CONTINUED TO DENOUNCE THE ISRAELI CAMPAIGN
AND TACITLY TO SUPPORT SUICIDE BOMBINGS BY PRAISING THE
INTIFADA AND MARTYRDOM OPERATIONS:

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--THE U.S. HAS LET ITS COLONIALIST MINIONS LOOSE.(IT
HAS) DESERTED ITS ROLE AS THE KEY SPONSOR OF THE PEACE
PROCESS.IN SHOCKING DISREGARD FOR THE FEELINGS OF
MILLIONS OF ARABS, BUSH (ON MARCH 30) BLAMED THE VICTIMS.
(JORDAN TIMES)

-- THE PALESTINIANS HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CONTINUE TO
RESISTUNTIL THE LAST DROP OF BLOOD.IF ISRAEL HAS THE
RIGHT TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST WHAT (SECRETARY POWELL)
CALLS PALESTINIAN TERRORISM, THEN THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE
HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST ISRAELI
TERRORISM (AL-AHRAM)

-- [JORDANIAN UNIVERSITY] STUDENTS CHANTED SLOGANS
DENOUNCING ISRAELS BRUTAL MASSACRES OF PALESTINIANS AND
URGEDHAMAS TO CARRY OUT SUICIDE ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAELI
TARGETS. (JORDAN TIMES)

-- THE PRICE THE U.S. IS PAYING FOR ITS FOLLY IN THE MID-
EAST IS THAT ITS WAR ON TERRORISM HAS LOST ITS MEANING,
PURPOSE AND FORCE (JIDDA SAUDI GAZETTE)

WHILE THE ISRAELI MEDIA ARE SUPPORTING THE OPERATION, THE
LEFT AND CENTER ARE ASKING, THEN WHAT? THE GOVERNMENT
HAS ONCE MORE AWAKENED CONCERNS THAT IN ITS STRUGGLE
AGAINST THE P.A, IT ISAIMING TOCONTINUE AND PERPETUATE
ITS HOLD OVER THE TERRITORIES. (HAARETZ)

THE MOST STRIDENT CRITICISM OF THE U.S. ELSEWHERE WAS

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FOUND IN THE MAINSTREAM PAKISTANI PRESS, GREEK PAPERS,
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TURKISH DAILIES OF ALL POLITICAL STRIPES, AND BOTH
INDEPENDENT AND ISLAMIC-ORIENTED INDONESIAN DAILIES. THE
U.S. IS AN ACCOMPLICE IN THE MASSACRE INASMUCH AS IT
REMAINED SILENT WHEN THE ATROCITIES BEGAN, AND THEN
ADOPTED A SUPPORTIVE ATTITUDE.
(ISTANBUL YENI SAFAK, STATE FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION)

AN AL-HAYAT STORY (FBIS) THAT THE KUWAITI GOVERNMENT
REQUESTED THE LOCAL PRESS TO STOP ITS HOSTILE LANGUAGE
AGAINST IRAQ HAS BEEN WIDELY REPEATED. THE LOCAL MEDIA
HAVE BEEN TOLD TO AVOID SUCH TERMS AS THE IRAQI REGIME
AND IRAQ'S REPUBLIC. THE WORD TYRANT SHOULD ALSO NOT
BE USED TO DESCRIBE PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN.
(GULF TIMES, STRAITS TIMES, BBC)

SECRETARY RUMSFELDS REFERENCE TO SYRIA AS A TERRORIST
STATE, IN HIS APRIL 1 NEWS CONFERENCE, IS HEADLINED BY THE
BBC. (BBC.COM)

PAKISTAN: THE POSSIBLE CAPTURE IN PAKISTAN OF THE SAUDI-
BORN PALESTINIAN BIN LADEN LIEUTENANT WHO GOES BY THE NOM
DE GUERRE OF ABU ZUBAYDA WAS WIDELY REPEATED IN WORLD
MEDIA. IN THIS REGARD, THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS RATHER
UNUSUAL OPERATION FOR PAKISTAN'S LONG-TERM SECURITY
INTERESTS SHOULD NOT BE LOST ON ANYBODY. THE DIRECT
INVOLVEMENT OF THE FBI'S BOUND TO BE VIEWED AS AN
ABRIDGEMENT OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. ISLAMABAD NEEDS TO
TAKE A PRINCIPLED POSITION AGAINST THIS EROSION.
(THE NATION--ISLAMABAD)

YEMEN: PRESIDENT SALIH, DEPRESSED AND REFUSING VISITORS
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AND TELEPHONE CALLS SINCE SUNDAY, HAS CALLED FOR AN
EMERGENCY ARAB SUMMIT TO ADDRESS THE MIDDLE EAST
SITUATION. (BBC)

THREE OTHER MAJOR INTERNATIONAL STORIES: THE DOMINATION
OF THE KUALA LUMPUR OIC MEETING BY THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS;
TURKEY'S AGREEMENT TO ASSUME COMMAND OF ISAF AFTER
BRITAIN; AND THE DEBATE IN BRITAIN AS PM BLAIR PREPARES TO
MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT IN TEXAS. (NEWSWIRE)

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY ACTIONS

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THE PHOTO EXHIBIT, AFTER SEPTEMBER 11: IMAGES FROM GROUND ZERO, OPENED IN JAKARTA MARCH 27 AND TASHKENT MARCH 29. JAKARTA'S METRO TV GAVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO THE AFFAIR, BILLED AS THE FIRST EVENT IN A YEAR-LONG CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM IN INDONESIA. IN TASHKENT, OVER 70 MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA ATTENDED THE EMBASSY PREVIEW, WHILE OVER 100 OTHER GUESTS ATTENDED THE FORMAL OPENING INAUGURATED BY AMBASSADOR HERBST. (EAP/PD, EMBASSY TASHKENT)

SENATORS STEVENS AND INOUE'S VISIT TO INDONESIA RESULTED IN CONSIDERABLE ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA PLAY, INCLUDING A STORY IN KORAN TEMPO HEADLINED [INDONESIAN VP] HAMZA HAZ: U.S. DOES NOT OPPOSE ISLAM. IN MANILA, THE SENATORS WILL ATTEND THE COMMEMORATION OF THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF BATAAN AND CORREGIDOR AT THE MANILA AMERICAN CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL. (EAP/PD)

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